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**COMMENT DEADLINES SET FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
ON ELIMINATION OF OBLIGATION TO FILE BROADCAST MIDTERM
REPORT (FORM 397)**

MB Docket No. 18-23

Comment Date: April 30, 2018
Reply Comment Date: May 15, 2018

On February 22, 2018, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in MB Docket No. 18-20 that proposes to eliminate the requirement in Section 73.2080(f)(2) of the Commission's rules that certain broadcast television and radio stations¹ file the Broadcast Mid-Term Report (Form 397).² The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days, respectively, after publication of the NPRM in the Federal Register.³ A summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2018, which inaccurately established a 60 and 90 day period for comments and reply comments, respectively.⁴ On April 2, 2018, a correction was published in the Federal Register which adjusts the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments.⁵ Thus, comments must be submitted no later than April 30, 2018. Reply comments must be submitted no later than May 15, 2018. Commenters must follow

¹ See 47 CFR 73.2080(f)(2) (stating that "The Commission will conduct a mid-term review of the employment practices of each broadcast television station [employing five or more persons in full-time positions] and each radio station that is part of an employment unit of more than ten full-time employees four years following the station's most recent license expiration date as specified in § 73.1020.").

² *Elimination of Obligation to File Broadcast Mid-Term Report (Form 397) Under Section 73.2080(f)(2)*, MB Docket No. 18-23, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-20 (Rel. Feb 22, 2018) (*NPRM*); FCC Form 397, available at <https://transition.fcc.gov/Forms/Form397/397.pdf>.

³ *NPRM* at 1.

⁴ See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/03/21/2018-05726/elimination-of-obligation-to-file-broadcast-mid-term-report-form-397>.

⁵ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/02/2018-06599/elimination-of-obligation-to-file-broadcast-mid-term-report-form-397-under-section-732080f2>.

the filing instructions provided in paragraph 15 of the NPRM.⁶ The NPRM is also available on the Commission's website.⁷

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⁶ *NPRM* at 7, para. 15.

⁷ See https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-18-20A1.pdf.